

--- “Series of 1883” - Five Pounds - Green - COUPON Stamps ---

Chris Ryan in the “Canadian Revenue Newsletter”, No. 41, of March 2003, reports that the 5 pound stamp was not added to the 1883 Coupon stamps until 1888. Thus there are no *block watermarked* five pound green stamps in the series. Probably a single printing was made under the 4th BABN Contract.

Purely as an aside it can be noted, that there are no 5 pound, 35 pound or 100 pound 1883 Coupon stamps that carry the 5 mm. *Gothic purple control numbering*. The 5 pound stamp dates from 1888, while the other two date from 1885. This pretty well positions the *purple control numbered* stamps in the 1883-84 era. I feel that these stamps were either prepared for a philatelic exhibition in 1884, or were prepared as “presentation” sets for prominent philatelists. At that time it was illegal to possess unused ‘genuine’ tax-paid stamps.

The catalogue lists the recess printed five pound, green “Series of 1883” COUPON stamp as follows:

RM-271 - 5 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls,
with nine ½ pound coupons and an **188**_ stub

RM-271 - 5 pounds, green, perf 12, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove paper - 4 mm. blue controls,
with nine ½ pound coupons and an **188**_ stub

4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 17,250 copies of “5 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
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5th BABN Contract (1892-1897)	John McKay records as ‘delivered’ 1,100 copies of “5 lb., Green, Coupon” stamps; printed by hand press.
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--- The “theoretical” control number range on the 5 pound green Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract	17,250	- 000001 to 017250
5th BABN Contract	<u>1,100</u>	- 017251 to 018350
	18,350	

--- The “actual” control number range on the 5 pound green Coupon stamp, as recorded to date ---

5 pounds, green, perf 12, on <i>unwmkd</i> wove - 4 mm. blue controls	- 000733 to 016496
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★**RM-271 PP** - 5 pounds, green, CWC, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove,
complete with nine 1/2 pound coupons

--- RM-271 - Five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

--- Perforated 12 - 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an *188*_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen’s portrait - scanned at 200% scale ---



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4th BABN Contract

17,250

- 000001 to 017250



★RM-271 - 5 pounds, green, perf 12, with 4 mm. control number 000733, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove,
roller cancelled TOBACCO / 14-17, by “L. La Rue Tobacco”, Montreal

000733 ★

RM-271

5 pounds, green, perforated 12, on *unwmkd* vertical mesh wove,
roller cancelled TOBACCO / 14-17

--- RM-271a- Five Pounds - “Series of 1883” - Green - 4th BABN Contract - 1886-92 ---

--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove - with 4 mm. blue control numbers ---

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with nine ½ pound coupons and an 188_ stub

--- The “theoretical” control number range on this 5 pound green Coupon stamp ---

4th BABN Contract

17,250

- 000001 to 017250



★RM-271 - 5 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, with 4 mm. control number 016256, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove,
with nine ½ pound coupons



★RM-271 CP - 5 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, with 4 mm. control number 016263, on *unwmkd horizontal* mesh wove,
with nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters

016256★	RM-271	5 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove
016263★	RM-271 CP	5 pounds, green, perf 12, CWCS, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove, with nine ½ pound coupons and an 188_ stub, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters
016496	RM-271 CP	5 pounds, green, perf 12, CWC, on <i>unwmkd horizontal</i> mesh wove, stamped CANCELLED in 3 mm. Gothic letters

The collection *does not* contain a copy ‘delivered’ under the 5th BABN Contract. I have no doubt that these stamps were printed under the previous Contract. **WANTED!**

--- RM-271 PP - Five Pounds - "Series of 1883" - Green - 3rd BABN Contract - 1883-86 ---

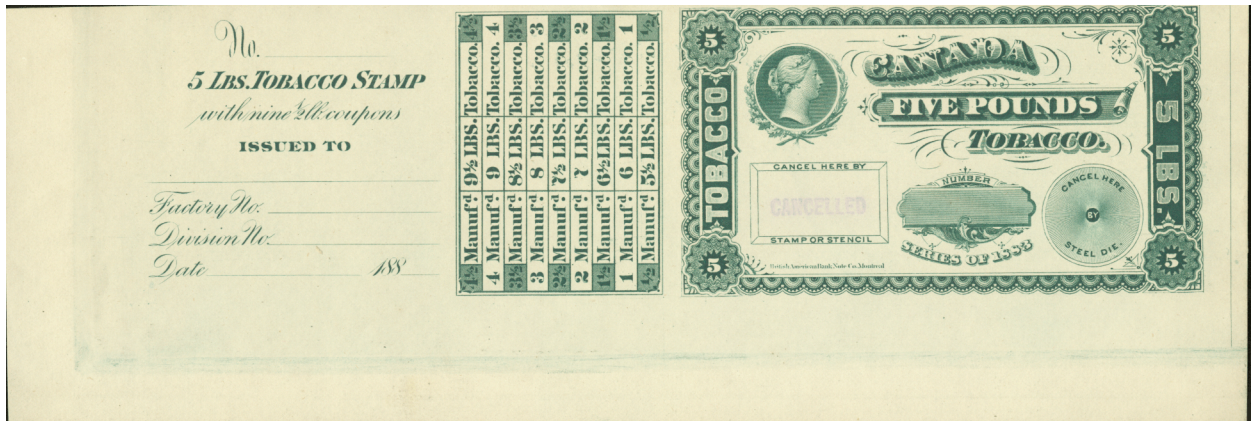
--- Recess printed in Montreal on *unwmkd* heavy mesh wove paper - without control numbers ---

--- 115 x 62 mm. plus nine ½ pound coupons, and an 188_ stub - scanned at 70% scale ---

--- With the *long wreath* around the Queen's portrait ---



★RM-271 PP - 5 pounds, green, CWCS, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove, with nine 1/2 pound coupons and an 188_ stub - scanned at 60% scale



★RM-271 PP / CP - 5 pounds, green, CWCS, a plate proof on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh heavy wove, with nine 1/2 pound coupons and an 188_ stub - stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - scanned at 60% scale

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